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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SEMINAR OF NATO SCIENTIFIC
COMMITTEE IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) USNATO 5913; (B) STATE 256787;

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BEGIN SUMMARY. DESPITE OBVIOUS DRAWBACKS OF PERMITTING
A NATO-SPONSORED SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT THE FREE
UNIVERSITY IN BERLIN, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE
WEIGHT OF THE ARGUMENT IS IN FAVOR OF PERMITTING THE
FREE UNIVERSITY TO COMPETE FOR A NATO GRANT. REQUEST
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG REP (LUECKING) ASKED AT NOVEMBER 4 BONN GROUP
MEETING WHETHER ALLIES WERE ABLE TO REACT TO PROPOSAL
FOR MATHEMATICS SEMINAR AT FREE UNIVERSITY IN BERLIN
SPONSORED BY NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE (REF C). UK REP
(HITCH) STATED THAT LONDON HAD EXPRESSED A SLIGHT
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CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT ADVERTISEMENTS FOR

SUCH SEMINARS MIGHT CARRY A NOTATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SEMINARS WERE HELD "ONLY IN NATO COUNTRIES." HE ASKED WHETHER THE FRG REP MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THAT POINT.

2. US REP, NOTING THAT DEPARTMENT HAD MADE A SIMILAR INQUIRY CONCERNING THE NATO LABEL TO BE ATTACHED TO THE SEMINAR, PROVIDED INFORMATION FROM PARA 5, REF A, ON THE NORMAL REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH EVENTS BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS BEING SPONSORED BY THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE. HE VOICED SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT AUTHORIZING THE SEMINAR UNDER SUCH CLEARLY-DEFINED NATO SPONSORSHIP BUT STATED THAT A FINAL US POSITION HAD NOT BEEN REACHED.

3. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) REFERRED TO THE "AMBIGUITY" IN THE NATO RELATIONSHIP TO BERLIN, IN THAT THE NATO TREATY HAD NOT BEEN EXTENDED TO BERLIN BUT THAT NATO HAD EXPRESSED A COMMITMENT TO BERLIN. WHILE IT WAS CLEAR THAT BERLIN WAS NOT IN NATO, IT WAS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THREE POWERS WHICH ARE NATO MEMBERS, AND HE THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT AUTHORIZING NATO ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY. HE EXPRESSED NO FINAL POSITION ON THE SPECIFIC REQUEST, HOWEVER.

4. NO REPS WERE ABLE TO RECALL ANY PRECEDENTS FOR NATO-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN, AND LUECKING UNDERTOOK TO INVESTIGATE THAT QUESTION.

5. COMMENT: FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY USNATO (REF A), IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT NATO WOULD HAVE TO BE PORTRAYED AS THE OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE SEMINAR -- A SITUATION CONTRARY TO ONE OF THE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS EXPRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN REF B. AS FOR ANOTHER

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ASSUMPTION, WE DOUBT THAT THERE COULD BE ANY GUARANTEE THAT ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE NON-MILITARY. WE ARE NOT TOO TAKEN WITH USNATO'S SUGGESTION THAT INVITATIONS TO THE SEMINAR MIGHT BE ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED POWERS, RATHER THAN FREE UNIVERSITY OR THE FRG, AS WE DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE SORT OF ACTIVITY THE ALLIES SHOULD BEGIN TO GET INTO. NOR WOULD SUCH NOMINAL ALLIED SPONSORSHIP GREATLY LESSEN THE IMPACT OF HOLDING AN EVENT WITH A NATO LABEL IN BERLIN.

6. ALL OF THESE OBJECTIONS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THIS PARTICULAR SEMINAR SEEMS HARMLESS. IF IT IS HELD, THE SOVIETS WILL PROTEST, PROBABLY ON GROUNDS THAT THE FRG IS TRYING TO DRAG WEST BERLIN INTO NATO. THAT SHOULD NOT BE A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT PROTEST TO ANSWER. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT, IF THE UK AND FRANCE CONCUR AND IF THE FRG IN SUBSEQUENT BONN GROUP DISCUSSION INDICATES STRONG FEELING THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLIES SHOULD PERMIT THE FREE UNIVERSITY APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO BE CONSIDERED AT NATO, THE US ALSO CONCUR.

7. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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